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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the grounds for termination of parental
2 rights in child in need of assistance cases.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.116, subsection 1, paragraph e,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) The child has been removed from or was not placed in
4 the physical custody of the child's parents for a period of at
5 least six consecutive months.

6 Sec. 2. Section 232.116, subsection 1, paragraph f,
7 subparagraph (3), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

8 (3) The child has been removed from or was not placed in the
9 physical custody of the child's parents for at least twelve of
10 the last eighteen months, or for the last twelve consecutive
11 months and any trial period at home has been less than thirty
12 days.

13 Sec. 3. Section 232.116, subsection 1, paragraph h,
14 subparagraph (3), Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

15 (3) The child has been removed from or was not placed in the
16 physical custody of the child's parents for at least six months
17 of the last twelve months, or for the last six consecutive
18 months and any trial period at home has been less than thirty
19 days.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill relates to grounds for the termination of parental
24 rights under Code chapter 232 when a child has been adjudicated
25 a child in need of assistance.

26 The bill amends existing grounds for termination of parental
27 rights that each include as an element that the child has been
28 removed from the physical custody of the child's parent for
29 a specified period of time. The bill amends this element to
30 require that either the child has been removed from or was not
31 placed in the physical custody of the child's parent for a
32 specified period of time.